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A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SOCIETY.

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The first regular meeting of the society since the California earthquake of April 18th, and the subsequent conflagration in San Francisco, was held on the evening of June 9th. By courtesy of the president of the University of California, the members of the society were welcomed to a temporary home in the Students' Observatory at Berkeley. The former rooms of the society in the California Academy of Sciences Building in San Francisco, with a fine collection of photographs, and a splendid library, acquired by judicious purchase throughout the seventeen years of the society's existence and enriched by generous private donation and contribution from astronomical observatories and learned societies all over the world, were totally destroyed by the fire, which wiped out the business section of San Francisco and the greater part of the residence districts. The insurance of \$2500, which the society carried on its belongings, in the Academy of Sciences Building, will suffice only for a partial restoration of its property. Among the more valuable sets of publications lost, are several which probably cannot be completely replaced. Nevertheless, the president and the directors are confident that an appeal to be issued to the leading astronomical observatories and societies as well as to authors, will soon give the society a new and valuable library.

Number 107, of the *Publications* was to be mailed on the day of the disaster, but the secretary was not permitted to cross the fire lines and thus the whole edition, with the exception of a single advance copy, was burned in the printing establishment. This number was immediately reprinted in Los Angeles and has since been distributed. The present number 108 has been unavoidably delayed, but from now on the *Publications* will continue to appear as though nothing had happened. By a wise provision of the first board of directors, a supply of the *Publications* has been regularly de-

posited at the Lick Observatory and has thus escaped destruction.

The Finance Committee reports that the permanent funds of the society, aggregating nearly \$17,000, are intact, and the bequest of Morris Rieman, of Chicago, Illinois, amounting to \$500.00 has just been received. The society's membership is scattered all over the globe and is as strong as ever. Thus, after all, the society has every reason to be thankful. A source of particular pleasure to every member of the society must be the fact that every astronomical observatory of the State, including the Lick Observatory and the Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institution remained absolutely unharmed. At the Students' Observatory, which was nearest to the fault line, nothing was disturbed, not even a book dropped from the shelves.

The society has lost none of its enthusiasm and will continue to disseminate the results of research in the oldest and noblest of sciences, through lectures and publications, with ever increasing vigor and let it be hoped, effectiveness.

A. O. LEUSCHNER.

Berkeley, Cal., June 9, 1906.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Until further notice all publications intended for the society, should be addressed to the library of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (care of the Students' Observatory, Berkeley, California.) The business address of the society is 806 Franklin street, San Francisco, Cal., U. S. A., F. R. ZIEL, secretary.

Members of the society and others having extra copies of Nos. 1, 2, and 48, of the *Publications* are requested to forward them to the secretary at Mount Hamilton, for the completion of the sets, which have escaped destruction.

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